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October 3, 2023

The Brown County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 1:15 PM., in the Brown County Courthouse meeting room with members Chairman Buddy Small, Dennis Bauer and Jeremiah Dailey present. Also present was Brown County Clerk (BCC) Travis Hobbs.

Chairman Small acknowledged the Open Meeting Act posted near the entrance to the Meeting Room.

Those in attendance rose and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Small moved to approve minutes from the September 19, 2023, Commissioner meetings as officially recorded in Commissioner Book 23. Bauer seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Brown County Highway Superintendent (BCHS) Kenneth Turpin gave a road department report.

Several members of the public were in attendance to discuss the ownership of Highland Grove Cemetery. The cemetery is currently owned by the Garfield Cemetery Association. Small stated that he will work with Brown County Attorney and community volunteers to establish who the current members of the Garfield Cemetery Association are and/or reestablish the Association and get it running again.

Discussion was held regarding the Colonial Life Insurance option. The Board determined that they did not want to participate in Colonial Life Insurance program. Employees may obtain the insurance on their own. No action taken.

Discussion was held regarding the deteriorating walls in the bathrooms of the Jury room. The toilets hang off the walls and are leaking. An informal estimate was presented by Shawn Fernau Construction, LLC, Ainsworth, Nebraska of \$3,810.00.

Small moved to accept the estimate from Fernau Construction. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Small updated the Board on the ongoing Courthouse Repairs. Since no bids were received because of advertising, Small sought out bids from two local contractors and is awaiting a response.

Discussion was held regarding the rules and regulations of the Community Fishpond. No decision was made. The item was placed on the next agenda.

The Board acknowledged the correspondence letters received from Central Nebraska Economic Development District and Middle Niobrara Natural Resource District.

The MNNRD letter was the nitrate test results from the well at Sandhills Elite Genetics for nitrate contamination. The results came in at 3.0 ppm.

Small moved to approve payment of the claims and the Brown County Clerk's monthly fee report for \$5,106.58. Dailey seconded. Roll Call: All three Ayes, motion carried.

Public comments were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Brown County Commissioners will be Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 1:15 PM, Brown County Courthouse, Ainsworth, Nebraska.

This meeting's public notice was published in the Ainsworth Star-Journal, aired on KBRB Radio, and posted at the Brown County Clerk's office, where all agendas and minutes are kept current for public inspection at any time.